

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner required an election for examination between two groups of claims; claims 1-5 and claims 6-23. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, the second group, claims 6-23

Applicants traverse the restriction. The Examiner viewed claims 1-5 as being directed to a square root function and claims 6-23 as directed to performing a function. Some dependent claims, however, identify the function to be that of a square root. Accordingly, the Examiner's argument that there is separate merit due to the difference in function does not apply. The search categories for the claims directed to a square root would be the same whether it be toward independent claims 1, 3, and 5 or to dependent claims in the group of claims 6-23. Accordingly, applicants believe the restriction is improper.

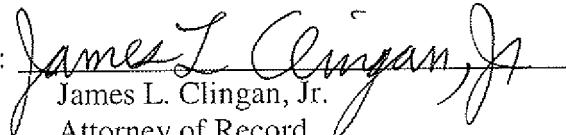
Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact the below-signed if there are any issues regarding this communication or otherwise concerning the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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